during the last three years are given below :

	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
	Directly Assisted	Assisted Through State Board	Directly Assisted	Assisted Through State Board	Directly Assisted	Assisted Through State Board
Institutions	2	479	19	481	21	478
Cooperatives	-	69	-	68	-	65
Individuals	-	5045	-	5071	-	5071

	Production (In Rs. Crores)			Employment (Lakh Person)		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Khadi	32.19	35.74	49.75	0.57	0.52	0.53
V.I.	89.39	96.74	107.85	0.44	0.42	0.47
Total	121.58	132.48	157.60	1.01	0.94	1.00

Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund

3170. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry had asked different State Governments in May 1995 to submit suitable project proposals for getting Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) loan assistance from Government of Japan;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received from different States so far, State-wise;

(c) whether the projects are mainly included Environment, Water-Supply, roads and health sector; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the project proposals of various States received from Central Ministries/Departments/State Governments are listed in the Statement-I enlosed.

(c) Yes, Sir. Besides these sectors viz Environment, Water Supply, Roads and Heath, Project proposals were also for Power, Textiles, Irrigation, etc.

(d) This Ministry had posed 28 State Projects to the Government of Japan which are given in the Statement II enclosed. Government of Japan pledged the assistance under 1996-97 OECF loan package for the State projects are listed in the Statement-III enclosed.

STATEMENT - I

State-wise list of State proposals received from various Central Ministries/State Govts. for OECF 1996-97 loan package

Andhra Pradesh

1. Vamsadhara Project (Stage-II)
2. Assistance to the Mentally Retarded of National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad.

Assam

3. Health and Family Welfare Project.
4. Four Laning of NH-31-C, NH-31 and NH-37 from Srirampur to Jagiroad.
5. Double Laning alongwith construction of permanent bridges of Kamargaon, Golaghat, Titabor, Moriani, Simaluguri, Joyupur Tinsukhia Road (Dhodar Ali) (State Highway)
6. Double Laning alongwith construction of permanent bridges of Guwahati, Amingaon, Hajo, Barpeta, North Salmara Road (State Highway)
7. Double Laning alongwith construction of R.C.C. Bridges of Guwahati Chandrapur, Morigaon, Nagaon Road (State Highway)

Bihar

8. Widening and Strengthening of Dehri-on-Sone-Akbarpur-Rohtas Piperdih Yadunathpur-Jardag Road
9. Widening and Strengthening of Bhita - Aurangabad-Daltonganj Road
10. Widening and Strengthening of Ranchi, Chaghra-Netraghat road
11. Widening and Strengthening of Ara Sasaram Road
12. Widening and Strengthening of Siwan-Mairwa-Gukthni Road
13. Widening and Strengthening of Dumka-Bhagalpur Road

14. Widening and Strengthening of Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga-Madhubani-Jainagar Road
15. Widening and Strengthening of Koderma-Giridih-Dumri Road
16. Widening and Strengthening of Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi Road
17. Integrated Project for Water Supply, Sewerage and solid waste management for Gaya town
18. Integrated Project for Water Supply, Sewerage and Solid Waste Management for Ranchi town
19. Integrated Project for Water Supply, Sewerage and Solid Waste Management for Patna town

Delhi

20. Assistance for economic, educational and social development of target population (SC/ST/BC/Minorities), Delhi Institute of Technology

Haryana

21. Western Yamuna Canal HE Project (Stage II)

Himachal Pradesh

22. Health and Family Welfare Project.
23. Ground Water Development Project

Jammu and Kashmir

24. Construction of Nimo-Padam Road to connect Buddhist areas of Zanskar with Leh District

Karnataka

25. Karnataka Forestry Project
26. Environmental Improvement Plan for Cauvery River Basin
27. Sarpadi HEP (90 MW)
28. Raichur Thermal Power Station Units 5 and 6
29. Varahi Underground Power House Stage-II Units 3 and 4

Kerala

30. Kerala Water Supply Project
31. Modernisation of Indian Coir Industry, Kerala
32. Integrated Industrial Infrastructure Development Project

Madhya Pradesh

33. Mahi Irrigation Project (Major)
34. Sindh Project (Phase-II)
35. Rajghat Canal Major Irrigation Project
36. Mahan Irrigation Project (Gulab Sagar)
37. Women's Development Programme - SOIL to SILK approach

Maharashtra

38. Modernisation of 36 Textile Mills
39. Assistance to the Hearing Handicapped of Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Bombay

Manipur

40. Development of Sericulture Industries

Meghalaya

41. R and M of Umiam Stage I and II

Mizoram

42. Tuirial HE Project
43. Tuivai Hydroelectic Project 210 MW
44. Integrated Project for Water Supply Sewerage Solid Waste Management, Water Quality Monitoring and Public Health Education

Orissa

45. Development of Chilka Lake
46. Orissa Transmission Sub-schemes
47. Strengthening and Widening of Panikoile and Rajamunda road
48. Strengthening and Widening of Kherada-Rayagada Road
49. Strengthening and Widening of Khurda-Nayagarh Daspala Road
50. Strengthening and Widening of Cuttack Chandoali road
51. Construction of Road from Gopalpur Port to Port Digha
52. Strengthening and Widening of Puri Bhubaneshwar road
53. Regional Water Supply Scheme in Talchar, Meramundali, Angul, Dhenkanal and Bhuban Urban Conglomorate
54. Rengali Irrigation Project (Part) - Left Main Canal (30 KM to 142 KM)
55. Assistance for Jeypore Main Canal beyond RD 42 Kms;
56. Tribal development in the district of Malkangiri
57. Tribal development in the Sundargarh district
58. Assistance to the Orthoppaedically Handicapped of National Institute for Rehabilitation, Training and Research, Olatpur, Cuttack

Punjab

59. Punjab Forestry Project
60. Associated transmission schemes of GNDTP St. III

Rajasthan

61. Connecting all uneconnected Panchayat Headquarters (PHOs) with BT Road and upgradation of existing gravel road to PHQs into BT roads
62. Connecting all villages above 1000 population (1981 census) with BT roads
63. Chauli Medium Irrigation Project
64. Bethli Medium Irrigation Project Rajasthan
65. Development of Tourism Infrastructure in Desert Triangle of Rajasthan

Tamil Nadu

66. Tamil Nadu Forestry Project
67. Project on Pollution Abatement in the Coastal Stretches of Madras
68. Hogenakkal Water Supply Project
69. Minor Irrigation Rehabilitation Tanks Development
70. Buddhist Centre at the Govt. Museum at Madras
71. Establishing/strengthening Science and Technology Centres

Uttar Pradesh

72. Transmission and Transformation Works
73. Anpara 'C' Thermal Power Project
74. Lakwar Vyasi Multi Purpose Project
75. Maneri Bhali HE Project
76. Rishiganga Small HE Scheme, Chamoli
77. Asiganga Mini HE Scheme Phase I and II, Uttarkashi
78. Basuli Mini HE Scheme, Uttarkashi
79. Nausera Small HE Scheme, Saharanpur
80. Consolidation of Phase-I and Initiation of Phase-II for upgradation of the standards of Medical Health Care in Northern India, SGPGI
81. Assistance for Bus Terminal Authority
82. Assistance for State Transport Research and Planning Institute, Luncknow
83. Construction of By-pass to Haldwani
84. Agra Slum improvement project
85. Varanasi Integrated Slum Development Project
86. Electric City at NOIDA
87. Augmenting the Water Supply and Sanitation facilities in Agra, Bareilly, Gorakhpur and Meerut
88. Artificial Recharge and Water Resources Development (Mirzapur and Son-Badra)
89. Assistance to the Visually Handicapped of National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun

West Bengal

90. Strengthening of West Bengal Transmission System
91. Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences and Research at Kalyani
92. Comprehensive Mental Health Coverage in the State
93. Transport Infrastructure Development Project in Calcutta City
94. Coastal Area Development Project
95. Assistance to the Orthopaedically Handicapped of National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Calcutta

STATEMENT-II

List of State proposals posed to the Govt. of Japan for assistance under OECF 1996-97 loan package

1. Associated Transmission Schemes of Guru Nanak Dev Thermal Plant, Stage III, Punjab
2. Rennovation and Modernisation Plan for Umiam Stage I and II Power Station, Meghalaya
3. Tuirial HE Project (60 MW), Mizoram
4. Strengthening of Transmission System of West Bengal
5. Transmission and Transformation Works (132 KV and above) in U.P.
6. Transmission Sub-Schemes of Orissa
7. Sarpadi Barrage Hydro Electric Project, Karnataka
8. Anpara 'C' Thermal Power Project (2x500MW)
9. Forestry and Environment Project for Eastern Plains of Karnataka
10. Comprehensive Forestry Project for Tamil Nadu
11. Punjab Social Forestry Project
12. Widening and strengthening of Panikoili-Keonjhar-Joda-Rajmunda Road in Orissa
13. Four-laning of Bhubaneswar-Puri Road, Orissa
14. Construction of Nimmo-Padam Road to connect Buddhist Areas of Zanskar with Leh District
15. Integrated Project from Water Supply, Sewerage and Solid Waste Management for Patna Town

16. Integrated Project from Water Supply, Sewerage and Solid Waste Management for Ranchi Town
17. Kerala Water Supply Project
18. Installation of a Regional Water Supply System in Talcher, Meramundali, Angul, Dhenkanal and Bhuban Urban Conglomerate in Orissa.
19. Transport Infrastructure Development Project, Calcutta
20. Rangali Irrigation Project, Orissa
21. Rajghat Canal Major Irrigation Project, MP
22. Ground Water Development Project, HP
23. Vansadhara Project Stage II, AP
24. Consolidation of Phase-I and Initiation of Phase-II for Upgradation of the Standards of Medical Health Care in Northern India, SGPGI
25. Women's Development Programme - 'Soil to Silk' Approach, MP
26. Development of Sericulture Industry in Manipur
27. Integrated Industrial Infrastructure Development, Kerala
28. Development of Tourism Infrastructure in Desert Triangle of Rajasthan.

STATEMENT-III

List of State projects pledged by the Govt. of Japan for assistance under OECF 1996-97 loan package

	Project Name	Loan Amount (in million yen)
1.	West Bengal Transmission System Project	8497
2.	Umiam Hydro Power Station Renovation Project	1700
3.	Tuirial Hydro-Electric Power Station Project	11695
4.	Calcutta Transport Infrastructure Development Project	10679
5.	Eastern Karnataka Afforestation Project	15968
6.	Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project	13324
7.	Kerala Water Supply Project	11997
8.	Rajghat Canal Irrigation Project	13222

Age Limit for Senior Citizens

3171. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the retirement age in most of the Govt. offices is 58 years while the age to be considered as senior citizen for taxation purposes is 60 years;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to lower the age requirement for senior citizenship to 58 years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Resident individuals of sixty-five years and above, whose gross total income does not exceed one hundred thousand rupees are entitled to a rebate of income-tax under Section 88B of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

(b) and (c). The Government does not propose to lower the age limit for the purpose of Section 88B.

Funds for Textiles Industry

3172. SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any demand from the representatives of Garment and Textile Industry for Rs. 2000 crores to upgrade its technology and improve competitiveness in the global market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Government have not received any specific demand from the representatives of Garments and Textile industry for a fund of Rs. 2000 crores to upgrade its technology and improved competitiveness in the global market.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Committee on Bad Debts of Banks

3173. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the RBI proposes to investigate the bad debts of banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Committee has been set up to investigate into the bad debts;

(d) if so, the composition thereof; and

(e) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Banks are subject to Annual Financial Inspections by the Department of Supervision of the RBI. At the time of these inspections the Inspecting Officers also look into the reasons for advance turning into Non-Performing Assets and steps taken by banks to reduce the level of NPAs as also staff accountability in the matter.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.